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September 13, 2000

Mr. Pete Hess
Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
c/o College of Eastern Utah
451 East 400 North, Box 156
Price, Utah 84501

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Dr. Hess

Re: Minor Coal Exploration Notice of Intent, July 31, 2000 Mine Fire, Willow Creek Mine, ACT/007/038, Carbon County, Utah

Dear Mr. Hess:

Plateau Mining Corporation (PMC) is submitting a Minor Coal Exploration Plan to address the reconstruction of the access roads into Eagle and Dinosaur Canyons to monitor the in-mine atmosphere following the July 31, 2000, Willow Creek Mine Fire. To monitor the mine atmosphere from existing two drill holes, PMC had to reopen the access roads used during the 1998 mine fire and re-plumb the drill holes by which in-mine air samples can be obtained for analysis.

These monitoring holes used during the 1998 mine fire were not plugged following the recovery operation; only the access roads and drill pads were reclaimed in 1999. As stated in PMC's June 14, 1999, letter to the Division, the holes were to remain unplugged because they have the potential to provide for future in-mine monitoring and ancillary support.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (435) 472-4741.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Pappas'.

Johnny Pappas
Sr. Environmental Engineer

File: Exploration Plan - 2000 Mine Fire
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APPLICATION FOR PERMIT PROCESSING

Permit Change ☐New Permit ☐Renewal ☐Transfer ☐Exploration ☒Bond Release ☐

Permit Number: ACT/007/038

Title of Proposal: Exploration Permit Application to address access road reconstruction following
July 31, 2000, mine fire into Eagle and Dinosaur Canyons

Mine: Willow Creek Mine

Permittee: Plateau Mining Corporation

Description, include reason for application and timing required to implement: Monitor mine environment as required by MSHA

Instructions: If you answer yes to any of the first 8 questions (gray), submit the application to the Salt Lake Office. Otherwise, you may submit it to your reclamation specialist.

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|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 1. Change in the size of the Permit Area? _____ acres Disturbed Area? _____ acres <input type="checkbox"/> increase <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> decrease |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 2. Is the application submitted as a result of a Division Order? DO # _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 3. Does application include operations outside a previously identified Cumulative Hydrologic Impact Area? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 4. Does application include operations in hydrologic basins other than as currently approved? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 5. Does application result from cancellation, reduction or increase of insurance or reclamation bond? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 6. Does the application require or include public notice/publication? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 7. Does the application require or include ownership, control, right-of-entry, or compliance information? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 8. Is proposed activity within 100 feet of a public road or cemetery or 300 feet of an occupied dwelling? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 9. Is the application submitted as a result of a Violation? NOV # _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 10. Is the application submitted as a result of other laws or regulations or policies? Explain: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 11. Does the application affect the surface landowner or change the post mining land use? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 12. Does the application require or include underground design or mine sequence and timing? (Modification of R2P2?) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 13. Does the application require or include collection and reporting of any baseline information? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 14. Could the application have any effect on wildlife or vegetation outside the current disturbed area? |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | 15. Does application require or include soil removal, storage or placement? |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | 16. Does the application require or include vegetation monitoring, removal or revegetation activities? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | 17. Does the application require or include construction, modification, or removal of surface facilities? |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | 18. Does the application require or include water monitoring, sediment or drainage control measures? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 19. Does the application require or include certified designs, maps, or calculations? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 20. Does the application require or include subsidence control or monitoring? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 21. Have reclamation costs for bonding been provided for? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 22. Does application involve a perennial stream, a stream buffer zone or discharges to a stream? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 23. Does the application affect permits issued by other agencies or permits issued to other entities? |

☒ Attach 3 complete copies of the application.

I hereby certify that I am a responsible official of the applicant and that the information contained in this application is true and correct to the best of my information and belief in all respects with the laws of Utah in reference to commitments, undertakings, and obligations, herein. (R645-301-123)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14 day of Sep, 2000

John Pappas - Sr. Env. Engineer - 9/14/00
Signed - Name - Position - Date

My Commission Expires: 3-15-2001
Notary Public
STATE OF UTAH
COUNTY OF CHARBON



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